

Minutes
Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness
(PAIMI) Advisory Council Meeting
February 10, 2005
Richmond, Virginia

Members Present: Scott DuVal, Lisa DuVal, Chris Harrison, Irene Rebholz, Philip Marsteller, Byron Stith, and Lisa Ritchie.

Members Absent: Victoria Huber, Vicky Fisher, Terry Grimes, Mark Lester, Margaret Walsh and Christine Poole.

Staff Present: Colleen Miller, Sherry Confer, Dee Vance and Julie Kegley.

Guests Present: None.

Call to Order: Chris Harrison, the Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.

Welcome and Introductions: Mr. Harrison welcomed the Council and everyone present to the Byrd Building, VOPA's Office. Following the welcome, Council members and staff introduced themselves to one another.

Public Comment: There was no public comment offered.

Minutes: The minutes from the November 4, 2004 meeting were reviewed with no changes. Irene Rebholz made a MOTION to approve the minutes. Lisa Ritchie seconded the MOTION and it carried unanimously.

AT Training: Julie Kegley, Staff Attorney, gave a presentation on Assistive Technology (AT). The presentation consisted of the formal definition of an AT device, the different categories of AT, the steps involved in selecting an AT device and different funding sources for AT. At the end of the presentation, she held a question and answer session. During the Council's lunch break, they were able to view the different types of AT Julie had available.

PAIMI Council Annual Report: Ms. Confer reminded Council to turn in their trainings and activities for the annual report. To ensure that we received the information, Ms. Confer asked the Council to take some time fill out the forms and hand them in to Dee Vance. Following the discussion of the annual report Ms. Vance gave some brief announcements to the Council.

Council Information: Ms. Miller and Ms. Confer provided information to the Council on Board vacancies, the Legislative update, Board committees, and the FY 06 priority planning process. Ms. Miller who announced the Board vacancies led the discussion. She explained the requirements for the Board and gave an overview of Board's policy on recruiting. Next, she

gave the Legislative update and reminded Council that the VOPA Legislative link is updated often and sent out to different list-servs.

Then Ms. Miller discussed the three Board committees, the Policy, Priority, and Issues Committees. Each member will be invited to join a committee and is requested to submit their choice by the next meeting.

Following the discussion on the Board committees, Ms. Confer lead the discussion on VOPA's current goals. She explained to the Council that effective October 1 of each year VOPA's new goals, focus areas, and objectives are effective. The Federal government requires VOPA to receive public comment on setting the goals. As an attempt to meet that requirement, VOPA would like to receive input, on the current goals, focus areas, and objectives, from the Council at each meeting. Ms. Confer explained to the Council that this meeting would focus on the goals and the next meeting will focus on the agency's focus areas. The Council reviewed the current goals and offered their suggestions.

Lunch:

The meeting broke for lunch at 12:25 P.M. The Council ate lunch and viewed the assistive technologies devices.

The meeting reconvened after lunch at 1:05 with an announcement from Mr. Stith about VOCAL (Virginia Organization of Consumers Asserting Leadership).

Executive Director's Update: Ms. Miller began her update by reviewing VOPA's Progress Report. Next, Ms. Miller discussed the Litigation Report. She concluded her update by with a discussion of VOPA's financial reports. These reports were the "revenue and expenditure" report, the Grant Carryover report, the Cash Balance report, and the State Appropriations report. Ms. Miller informed Council they will be provided the financial reports routinely. After review of the reports, Ms. Miller accepted and answered questions from the Council.

Spanish Outreach Project: Mr. Harrison gave an overview of the Spanish Outreach Project. He explained the purpose and goals of the committee and Ms. Vance and Ms. Confer added to his discussion with updates from each of the meetings. Mr. Harrison resigned from the committee and Mr. Stith agreed to take his place on the committee.

Board of Director's Update: Ms. Miller gave the Board of Director's update in the absence of Mrs. Hollowell, the Board's Chair. She discussed the Board retreat that was held in November. Next, she conveyed the Board's decision to reaffirm VOPA's mission statement and their decision to continue the discussion at a future meeting along with the Board's desire to make VOPA an inter-connected agency with clearly defined roles for the Board and staff. Ms. Miller ended her discussion by announcing the Board's next meeting, which will be held on April 26, 2005 in Virginia Beach.

Other Business:

The discussion of the Recovery Rights Model in Ohio was postponed to another meeting.

Adjournment:

There being no further business before them, the Council adjourned the meeting at 2:34p.m.

Reviewed by:

PAIMI Advisory Council

Date:

May 12, 2005